

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-15, and 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Bandow.

The above traversal notwithstanding, in view of the Examiner's indication, in the July 26, 2006 Office Action, of allowable subject matter in claims 4 and 10, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the features of allowable claim 4; has added new claim 25, comprising the features of claim 1 in combination with the features of allowed claim 10; and has cancelled claims 4, 10, 16-21, and 23-24.


Applicant requests entry of this Amendment After Final Action, and favorable reconsideration of the claims. Entry of this Amendment After Final Action is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 because (1) all of the claim features already have been examined, allowing for entry of the amendment without necessitating further search; (2) the Amendment will place the case in condition for allowance; (3) alternatively, the Amendment will place the case in better form for appeal; and (4) cancellation of claims 16-21, and 23-24 reduces the number of issues on appeal.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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